Sl. No.	Telecom Circle	Telephone Connections (Rural) as on 31-12-2004
15	North East-I	59,202
16	North East-II	52,164
17	Orissa	3,26,212
18	Punjab	8,75,340
19	Rajasthan	6,58,503
20	Tamil Nadu	8,89,671
21	Uttaranchal	1,04,961
22	Uttar Pradesh (E)	4,92,105
23	Uttar Pradesh (W)	1,91,841
24	West Bengal	6,03,463
	TOTAL	1,30,37,333

Connectivity Speed of Data One and Triband

332. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSNLand MTNL have launched its broadband services in the country;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that both the companies have launched above services only in selected cities of the country;

(c) if so, the details of cities in which broadband services have been launched; and

(d) the connectivity speed of Dataone and Triband and how they are faster than the existing VSNL's internet services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has launched its Broadband service under the brand name Data One and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) under the brand name Triband on 14th January, 2005.

(b) Presently, BSNL has launched services in 13 cities and MTNL in

Delhi and Mumbai. BSNL has planned to extend these services to 198 cities during 2005 in a progressive manner.

(c) The details of the cities where the Broadband service have been launched as on date is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(d) These Broadband services use the latest Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Loop (ADSL)/ADSL 2 plus technology which can provide a maximum download speed of upto 20 mega bytes per second (Mbps) depending upon distance. This is very fast as compared to existing dial up Internet service which gives a maximum download speed of 56 kilobits per second (Kbps).

Statement

List of cities where broadband service has been launched

Sl. No.	City
1	Chennai
2	Bangalore
3	Kolkata
4	Hyderabad
5	Mysore
6	Coimbatore
7	Thanjavur
8	Trippur
9	Madurai
10	Ernakulam
11	Patna
12	Pune
13	Trichi
14	Delhi
15	Mumbai

Security allocations to IT Companies

333. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: